

Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre



Climate Action and Resilience Implementation Plan



In 2023, the nine neighbourhood houses in the City of Yarra worked together to consider how we could make our houses more sustainable and resilient to the impacts of climate change, and support the community to do the same. The result was the *Yarra Neighbourhood House Network Climate Action & Resilience Plan*. This is our house's commitment to implementing that plan.



Objective 1: Sustainable Houses

#	Action	Resourcing	Timeline
1.1	Investigate establishing beehives	Additional resources required (Time)	By 31 Dec 2023
1.2	Investigate the potential to install solar on the portable classroom	Additional resources required (Time and grant funding)	By 01 July 2024
1.3	Replace gas cooktop with electric when appropriate	Additional resources required (Time and funding)	3-5 years
1.4	Encourage active commuting for staff and volunteers	Within existing resources	Ongoing



Objective 2: Resilient Houses

#	Action	Resourcing	Timeline
2.1	Investigate improvements to the energy efficiency and thermal comfort of the building (i.e., draught proofing, insulation, double glazing of windows)	Additional resources required (Assessment cost)	By 01 July 2024
2.2	Review extreme weather/emergency response policy for staff, students and volunteers	Additional resources required (Time)	By 01 July 2024
2.3	Investigate backup power (i.e., solar and battery, diesel generator, additional mains connection)	Additional resources required (Time and grant funding)	By 01 July 2024
2.4	Consider water contingency planning	Additional resources required (Time)	By 31 Dec 2024



Objective 3: Sustainable Community

#	Action	Resourcing	Timeline
3.1	Support waste minimisation across the community through: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigate becoming a container drop-off centre• Reducing clothing to landfill (repairing, reusing, repurposing)• Encouraging staff, volunteers and students to minimise waste entering CNLC	Additional resources required (Time and grant funding)	From 01 July 2023 and ongoing. As part of our strategic planning
3.2	Continue and expand community sustainability behaviour change programs and embed sustainability education into existing programs	Additional resources required (Time and resources to expand)	Ongoing
3.3	Investigate establishing a garden/repair library and/or a bike tool library	Additional resources required (Time and grant funding)	As part of 2023 strategic planning. But possibly from 2024
3.4	Investigate possibility for CNLC to become a site for a community battery	Additional resources required (Time)	By 01 July 2024



Objective 4: Resilient Community

#	Action	Resourcing	Timeline
4.1	Consider and implement where possible the recommendations to operate as a community cooling centre	Additional resources required (Time and grant funding)	Started
4.2	Continue to connect the community and reduce social isolation through events and programs	Additional resources required (Time and funding)	Ongoing
4.3	Continue to embed climate resilience education into programs and courses	Additional resources required (Time)	Ongoing
4.4	Consider how to establish processes for community democratic engagement (i.e., how to vote, run for office, write submissions for inquiries)	Additional resources required (Time)	Part of our strategic review. Possibly from 2024 onward.
4.5	Consider how to support community mental health in relation to climate change, especially for youth	Additional resources required (Time and grant funding)	Part of our strategic review. Possibly from 2024 onward.

Neighbourhood house specific advocacy

#	Action	To whom
5.1	Advocate for public housing towers to have better waste facilities and services	Victorian Government, DHHS